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LB 245, 575, 474

It was not opposed. It only does this for wine. It was not opposed by anybody. It is noncontroversial. The commission did not oppose it. The liquor industry did not oppose it. All it does is just makes it a little easier for those people who buy foreign wines to be able to reflect price changes that happen because of the cyclical nature of that industry, so on that I move we advance 474.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance LB 474 to E & R for review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Clerk, record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the bill is advanced. The next bill is LB 245. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Read title to LB 245. The bill was first read on January 11. It was referred to the Public Works Committee. It was advanced to General File. There are no amendments pending.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Wagner for purposes of explaining the bill.

SENATOR WAGNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the intent of LB 245 is to simplify the reporting procedure required by the Department of Water Resources relating to irrigation acreage reporting forms as required by Section 46-261. The form is rather a simple form by the Department of Water Resources. The top end of the form relates to the water application. The middle portion of the form relates to the acreage. Once this form is completed the person at the bottom end signs his name and certifies to this but in addition to this and required by Section 46-261 it requires that this form be notarized. Notarizing of this form does not relate any credibility or any authenticity to the form and it does take a lot of time in providing this extra kind of paper work so by deleting the word "verification" by the opinion of the Attorney General means notarizing and simply this law, this law, LB 245, eliminates this provision of notarizing this particular form. The Department of Water Resources puts out 6,500 of these. Sometimes the people in bringing these forms to the Department of Water Resources stand in line there to require their notarizer to notarize the statement. Sometimes they also require them to fill out the form or ask them to. It is an inconvenience particularly to the people outstate and